



## State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF GOSHEN**  
**Drinking Water SCADA and WTP Backwash System Projects**  
**SRF # DW 09 03 20 01**

**Date: June 30, 2009**

**Target Project Approval Date: July 1, 2009**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Goshen Preliminary Engineering Report submitted to the SRF on March 13, 2009 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

*Why is additional environmental review not required?*

Our environmental review has concluded that the proposed action will not produce significant environmental impacts.

*How do I submit comments?*

Comments can be submitted to:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	City of Goshen Drinking Water SCADA System and WTP Backwash Process Projects 202 South Fifth Street, Suite 1 Goshen, IN 46528-3714
SRF Project Number:	DW 09 03 20 01
Authorized Representative:	Mayor Allen Kauffman

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

Goshen is located at the intersection of State Road 4 and State Road 19 in Elkhart County. All improvements will take place within existing structures at two water treatment plants, at two water storage tanks, and at a booster station, all in Elkhart Township. Their project locations are:

1. The North Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is located in the north central part of the city, bounded by the Elkhart River to the north, North Cottage Avenue to the east, the Norfolk Southern Railroad to the south and North 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the west. The plant is located in the Goshen Quadrangle in the NE ¼ of Section 9, Township 36 North, Range 6 East.
2. The Kercher Water Treatment Plant is located in the southeastern part of the city, bounded by Greencroft Parkway S to the north, Service Center Road to the east, Eisenhower Drive to the south and undeveloped property to the west. The plant is located in the Goshen Quadrangle in the SE ¼ of Section 22, Township 36 North, Range 6 East.
3. The Hilltop Booster Station is located in the north central part of the city, bounded by an institutional building to the north, North 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, Hilltop Street to the south, and North Main Street to the west. The booster station is located in the Goshen Quadrangle in the SE Quarter of Section 4, Township 36 North, Range 6 West.
4. The Sherck Water Tower is located in the southeastern part of the city, bounded by Eisenhower Drive to the north, undeveloped property to the east, and Caragana Court to the south and west. The tower is located in the Goshen Quadrangle in the SE ¼ of Section 23, Township 36 North, Range 6 East.
5. The Clinton Water Tower is located in the western part of the city, bounded by West Clinton Street to the north, Thatchwood Drive to the east and south, and Watertower Court to the west. The tower is located in the Foraker Quadrangle in the NW ¼ of Section 7, Township 36 North, Range 6 East.

## V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The installations of computer and electrical equipment to allow the city to communicate remotely with the plants, towers and booster station will be installed in existing structures; an antenna will be mounted on the Clinton water tower. The backwash improvements will occur in existing structures at the North and Kercher WTPs. Environmental impacts will be minimal. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected." The IDNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology in correspondence dated June 17, 2009, stated: *Based on our analysis, it has been determined that no historic properties will be altered, demolished, or removed by the proposed project provided that all project activities remain within areas disturbed by previous construction. If any archaeological artifacts, features or human remains are uncovered during construction, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1 27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days.*

## VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held in conjunction with the Goshen City Council Meeting on April 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Police and Courts Building, City Courtroom, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen. Following a 5-day public comment period, no written comments were received.